

Amendments to the Drawings:

Subject to the approval of the examiner, it is respectfully requested that Figures 2A and 2B be amended to correct typographical errors. The errors are shown in the annotated drawing figures attached as Appendix A; specifically, in Figure 2A the p value for PR vs. PL should be $p < 0.67$ and not $p < 0.067$, and in Figure 2B the p value for HI vs. PL should be $p < 0.48$ and not $p < 0.048$. The correct p values for Figures 2A and 2B were included in the original specifications as filed for each parent patent application to which the present application claims priority. These priority applications include US Patent Application No. 09/658,261 filed September 8, 2000, issued as US Patent 6,465,463; U.S. provisional patent application 60/171,102 filed on December 16, 1999; and U.S. provisional patent application 60/152,616 filed on September 8, 1999.


Applicants respectfully submit, as Appendix B, two (2) sheets of substitute drawings to replace the drawings presently on file. No new matter is added, and entry of the substitute drawing is respectfully requested.

Remarks:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed prior to the examination of the above-referenced application on the merits. Figures 2A and 2B have been amended to correct typographical errors. It is respectfully requested that this Preliminary Amendment be favorably examined and entered in the above-referenced application.

Applicants are filing this Amendment prior to the mailing date of the first Office Action. Thus, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.115, no fee is believed due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment. If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment and not otherwise authorized, please charge the fees to Deposit Account No. 08-0219.

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Appendix A: Annotated drawing figures showing changes

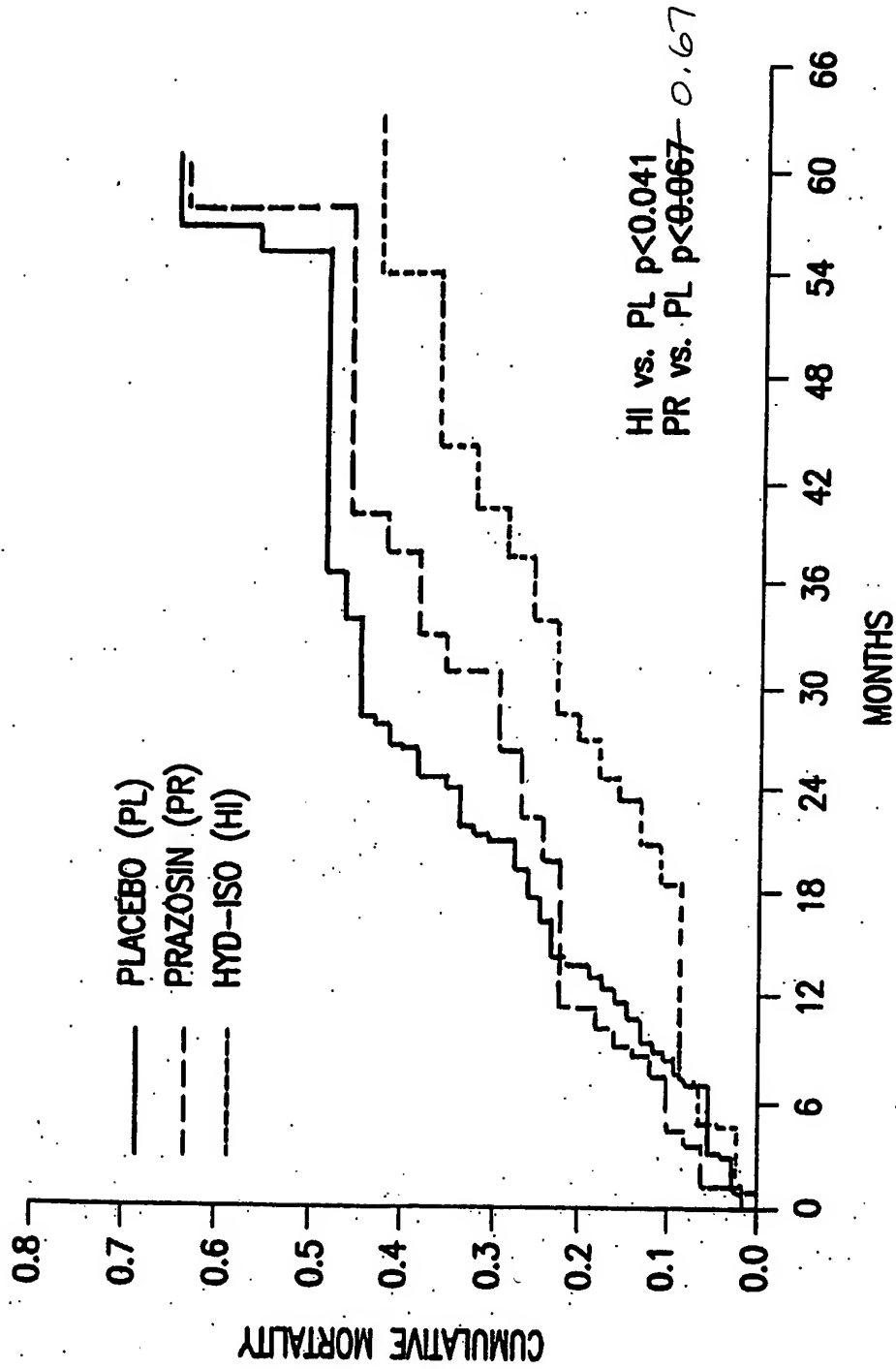


FIG.2A

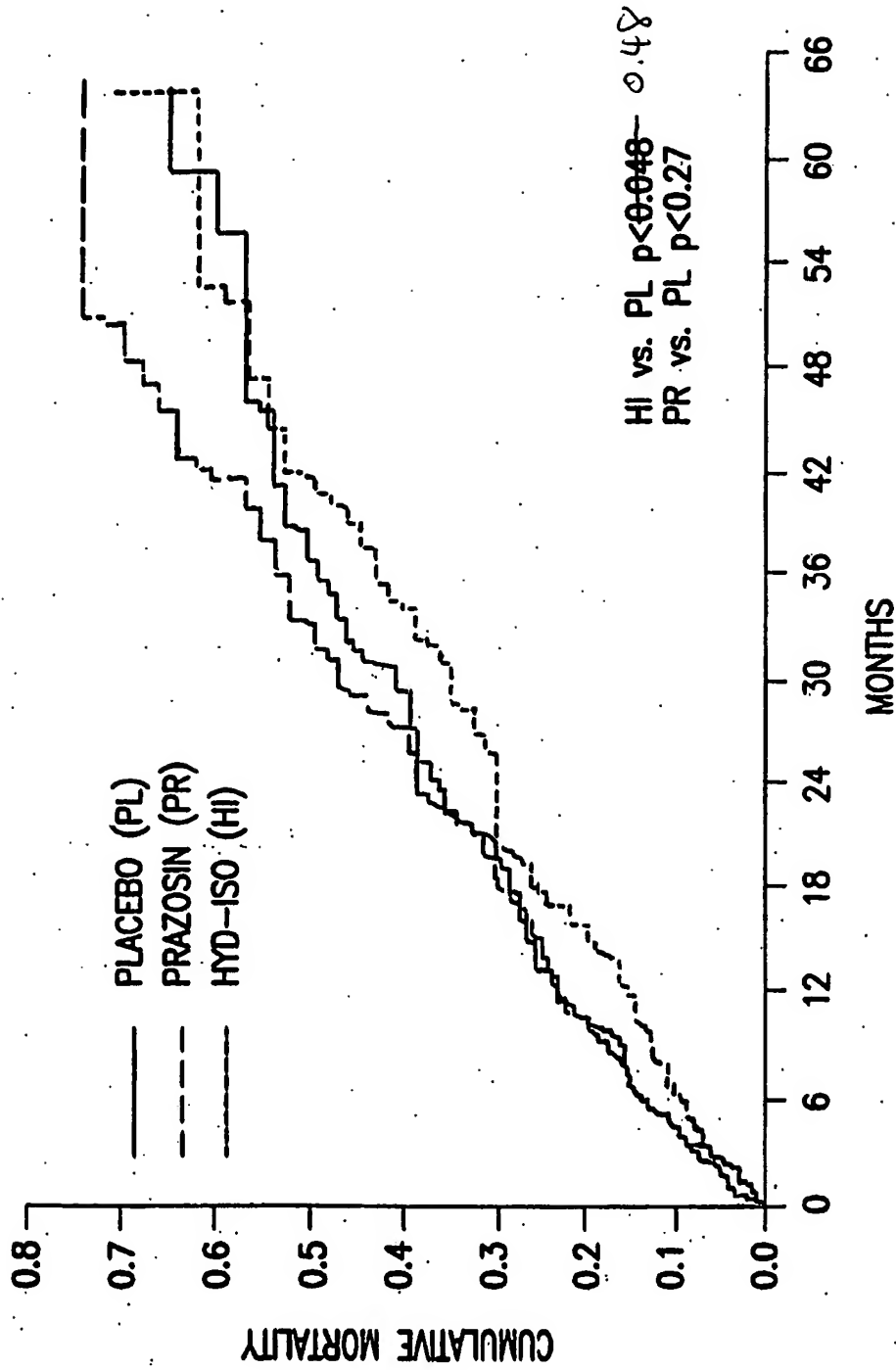


FIG.2B